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SENATE MEMORIAL 5

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF THE F-117A NIGHTHAWK AND
DECLARING JANUARY 17, 2008 AS "STEALTH FIGHTER DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, United States military forces have used the
F-117A Nighthawk, also known as the "stealth fighter", in every
armed conflict since its unveiling in 1988, losing only seven
of the fifty-nine jets built, and will retire the remaining
fifty-two stealth fighters by the summer of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Holloman air force base has been home to the
stealth fighter since 1992 and the 49th fighter wing is the
only wing that operates the stealth fighter in combat; and

WHEREAS, the stealth fighter played a strategic role in
preventing any unnecessary loss of life during Operation Just
Cause in Panama and helped facilitate the surrender of Manuel

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1 Noriega; and

2 WHEREAS, the stealth fighter participated in the longest
3 single-seat fighter mission in history, carrying 49th fighter
4 wing pilots from Holloman air force base to Kuwait during
5 Operation Desert Strike; and

6 WHEREAS, the stealth fighter played a significant role in
7 bringing about the negotiated cessation of North Korea's
8 nuclear arms program; and

9 WHEREAS, the stealth fighter has a long history of
10 protecting American soldiers, preventing unnecessary loss of
11 life and securing the safety of United States citizens;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that January 17, 2008 be proclaimed "Stealth
14 Fighter Day" in recognition of its great service to this
15 country; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the commanding officer of the 49th fighter wing,
18 the public affairs office at Holloman air force base and the
19 members of New Mexico's congressional delegation.

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